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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SENEGALESE MISSION TO NAMIBIA

REF: A. CAPE TOWN 827 B. DAKAR 3083

1. DURING RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF, PROF. BAREND
VAN NIEKIRK RE CONFIRMED ESSENCE OF PRESS REPORT (REF A)
THAT SENGHOR HAD AGREED TO SEND SENEGALESE FACT-FINDING
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MISSION TO NAMIBIA. VAN NIEKIRK, STATED THAT HE WOULD BE
ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN MISSION AND DEMOCRATIC
TURNHALLE ALLIANCE (DTA) AND THAT MISSION WOULD PROBABLY TAKE
PLACE DURING JULY UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS. HE OPINED THAT IN
CONTRAST TO EARLY 1970'S REJECTION OF SENGHOR'S OFFER TO SEND
JURISTS' MISSION TO SA ITSELF, SAG WILL PROBABLY PERMIT
JULY VISIT AS IN ITS AND DTA'S INTEREST. POST WILL KEEP IN

CONTACT WITH VAN NIEKIRK AND FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. FYI: VAN NIEKIRK IS WELL-KNOWN AFRIKANER INTELLECTUAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CRUSADER. HE HAS TWICE BEEN CHARGED WITH CONTEMPT FOR ATTACKING SA LEGAL SYSTEM AND WAS CONVICTED ONCE. HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SENGHOR BEGAN IN THE EARLY 1970'S AFTER VAN NIEKIRK WROTE A STUDY OF SENGHOR'S LITERARY WORK. THEY HAVE MET FREQUENTLY SINCE ON QUASI-OFFICIAL MATTERS TO DISCUSS PEACEFUL CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA.
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